

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 4 and 12-19 have been amended. Claim 20 has been added.

Claims 1-8 and 10-19 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gelsinger, U.S. Patent No. 5,892,511, in view of UltraMon Smart Taskbar (UltraMon). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites “display, when it is determined that a first predetermined input is performed within a selection area corresponding to a window displayed on said first display area or a forefront window out of the plurality of windows displayed in the overlapping manner on said first display area, a window corresponding to the selection area detected as the first predetermined input on said second display area.” Neither Gelsinger nor UltraMon teach or suggest this feature.

Gelsinger relates to a method of improving how a window is selected in a typical Windows type of program. Gelsinger’s Fig. 1 shows a plurality of windows and a task bar. In Gelsinger, a window displayed on the lower taskbar 110 in Fig. 1 can be selected by designating the lower taskbar 110. If one assumes that the part of the display where the windows are displayed in Gelsinger is the claimed first display area and the portion where the taskbar is displayed in Gelsinger is the claimed second display area, even if the taskbar in the second display area is selected, a window being displayed in the first display area and corresponding to the taskbar is not displayed in the second display area. In other words, to teach the above-noted feature of claim 1, Gelsinger must provide for an operation whereby an input is performed in the task bar, i.e., an icon is selected, and then a window corresponding to that icon (i.e., a window in the first area) is displayed in the second display area. In Gelsinger, the window cannot be moved

or shifted from the first display area to the second display area, thus Gelsinger cannot teach or suggest these features from claim 1.

UltraMon is used in a multi-monitor system. UltraMon merely places a task bar on each monitor's screen, where the task bar on screen 1 contains icons which correspond only to the applications running on screen 1 and the task bar on screen 2 contains icons which correspond only to the applications running on screen 2. UltraMon does not teach that when the selection area (i.e., taskbar) in the second display area (i.e., the second monitor), is designated, the window in the first display area (i.e., the main monitor) is displayed in the second display area (i.e., the second monitor). Therefore, this reference fails to overcome the deficiencies of Gelsinger. Thus, the combination of references does not teach or suggest all of the features of claim 1.

Claims 4 and 12-19 are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gelsinger in view of UltraMon as cited above, and further in view of Shields, U.S. Patent No. 5,910,802. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the foregoing arguments and further in view of the failure of Shields to overcome the deficiencies of Gelsinger and UltraMon.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, or deem that any formalities need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

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